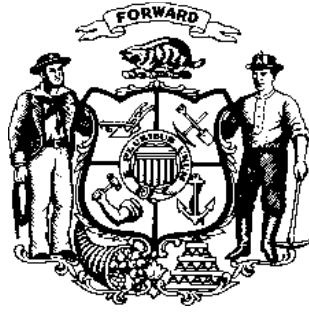




Wisconsin Judicial Council

William Gleisner, III, Chair
Margo Kirchner, Vice-Chair

Budget Committee - Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

September 9, 2026

Members Present: Chair Margo Kirchner, Dan Blinka, Sarah Zylstra, William Gleisner

Also present: Staff Attorney Natalie Zibolski

I. Quorum confirmed

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM. Quorum was established.

II. Review of minutes from last meeting

Attorney Zylstra moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2026, meeting without amendment. Attorney Gleisner seconded the motion. None opposed. The minutes were approved.

III. Review of Budget Proposal and approval

Chair Kirchner discussed the authority of the Committee to determine the budget. There was agreement that in past years the Budget Committee submitted the request and that this was done before the Council's September meeting. There was consensus to ratify the Committee's authority and budget submission at the next meeting. Attorney Gleisner agreed and will add to the general Council agenda.

The committee reviewed the preliminary budget package that had been provided by the Bureau of Financial Management. They discussed each page and agreed by consensus with the amounts and rationales proposed. While discussing current expenditures, Attorney Zibolski noted the Council pays for a yearly Zoom subscription. Attorney

Zylstra questioned if that was a necessary cost of if the Council should use Teams, which is included with Microsoft Office Suite used by the State. It is agreed this will also be discussed at a future Council meeting.

An individual identified as Mr. Jose Enrique Salinas joined the Zoom meeting at approximately 9:25am. He did not respond and exited at 9:26am. He rejoined at 9:29am. Chair Kirchner instructed him that as a member of the public he was welcome to observe the meeting but there was no opportunity for public comment. He muted himself and observed the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Kirchner noted that the Council was requesting additional funds to reimburse member travel costs and asked if the statute stating that authority was specifically mentioned in the request. Attorney Zibolski stated it was not, and that she would request that change to BFM. There was general consensus to request this change.

The Committee discussed meeting again in October.

Attorney Zylstra moved for acceptance of the proposed budget, but for the one requested change. Attorney Blinka seconded. None opposed. The Budget request was accepted and approved for submission, pending the proposed amendment to the reimbursement request.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Adjournment

Attorney Blinka moved to adjourn. Attorney Gleisner seconded. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41am.